

HELPLESS TIDES

**What helpless tides have brought us here,
Washed up upon the shore -
So focussed as I was in mind,
So wanting so much more?**

**What force besieged my careful plans
And laid its claim on me,
That like a corpse I drifted with
The current of the sea?**

**There is an echo that abides
From long, way-long ago:
It tells you with a carking dread
What you must surely know.**